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FINALE



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THOR

THOR IS THE GOD OF THUNDER AND THE ALL-FATHER OF ASGARD.

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS TO RECENT TROUBLES, THOR ATTEMPTED TO TRADE PLACES WITH HIS OLD ALTER EGO, DONALD BLAKE. BUT BLAKE HAS GONE INSANE AND NOW SEEKS REVENGE ON ODIN AND ALL THOSE TOUCHED BY ODIN'S POWER. ONCE THE SWAP HAD OCCURED, BLAKE SHATTERED HIS CANE, TRAPPING THOR IN A HIDDEN DIMENSION BENEATH THE ROOTS OF THE WORLD TREE.

VALKYRIE RETREIVED THE LONG-ABSENT ODIN TO HELP DEAL WITH THE MURDEROUS BLAKE, AND NOW THE COMBINED FORCES OF ASGARD HAVE CONFRONTED BLAKE AT THE WORLD TREE.

BUT BEFORE THE FIGHT COULD BEGIN, ONE LAST PLAYER ENTERED THE FRAY—THOR, WHO HAS MANAGED TO SEND HIS SOUL INTO THE DESTROYER ARMOR SO THAT HE CAN TAKE DOWN BLAKE HIMSELF!

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And lo, wading through
the blood of the World
Tree as it mixes with
his own...

...the shadow of the
Thunder King, the man
who never was...

...Donald Blake,
the dragon...

...comes,
at last...

...to face his
creator.

PREY
PART SIX OF SIX



His erstwhile father...

STAY DOWN, BLAKE. IF YOU WISH TO LIVE.

His would-be brother...

AS ONE WHO HAS INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE KINDS OF THINGS...I DO SO WISH YOU *DISOBEY* MY FATHER'S COMMANDS...



"IF I WISH TO LIVE"?!

THAT IS ALL I HAVE EVER WANTED!!!

BUT YOU...YOU, YOU WOULDN'T LET ME!!!

WHY?! WHY WOULD YOU MAKE ME LIKE THIS?!

WHY WOULD YOU MAKE ME HURT?! WHY DO I FEEL SO MUCH PAIN?!



PAIN?!

...and his
destroyer.

you...

...KNOW
NOTHING OF
PAIN.

BUT
I PROMISE
YOU THIS...

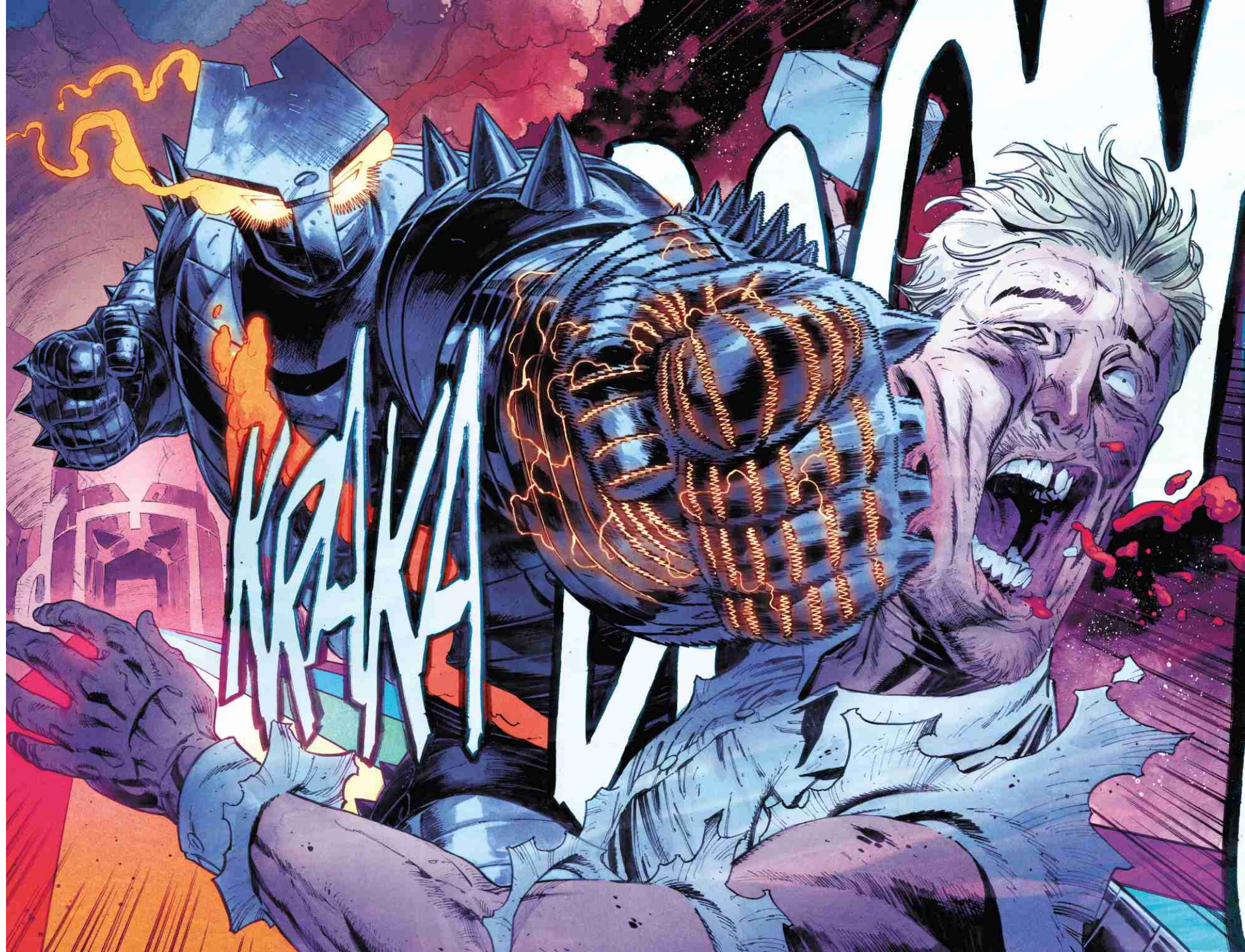
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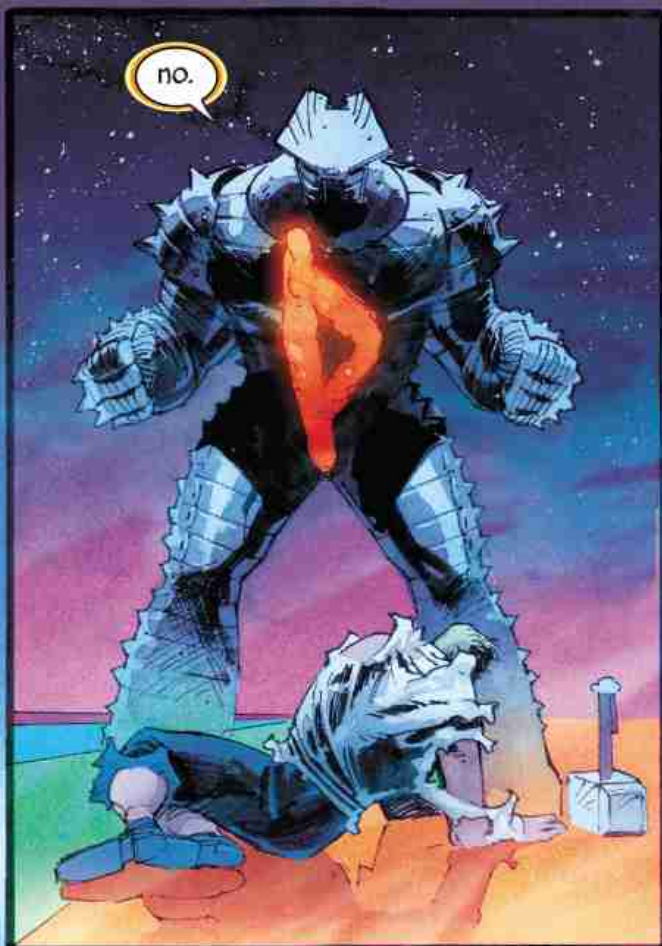
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HEHE...
WELL NOW...

THOR.

I WOULD
HAVE WORDS
WITH--









BETA
RAY BILL--?

YOU
HAVE YOUR
WEAPON.



AND I
BELIEVE I AM
OWED ONE OF
MY OWN.



AS WAR MASTER OF ASGARD, I SAY TO THEE **THIS ENDS NOW.**

STEPHEN, IF YOU WILL?



YOU HAVE FELLED MANY WITH THE ODIN-FORCE, DRAGON. BUT MY MAGICKS COME FROM PLACES YOU HAVE NEVER IMAGINED!

AGH!!!

LET US SEE YOU BREAK THE CRIMSON BANDS OF CYTTORAK!



THOR, ARE YOU--

WELL ENOUGH TO STAND. THANK YOU, FRIEND. YOU ARE--

TIME FOR THAT LATER...

...I AM AFRAID OUR BATTLE IS FAR FROM OVER...

GRAGHH!!!
NO!! I WILL NOT BE CAGED!!! NOT AGAIN! NOT EVER!!!

I BELIEVE I WILL DECIDE THAT.



YOU ARE
RIGHT, DONALD
BLAKE.

I CREATED
YOU. AND
THAT...

...THAT
WAS A
MISTAKE.



ONE I AM
LONG OVERDUE
TO MAKE
RIGHT.



THEN STOP
TALKING AND
DO IT!!!

MAKE
IT END!!! I
NEVER ASKED
FOR THIS!!!



I NEVER
ASKED TO
BE THE SON
YOU THREW
AWAY!!!

PLEASE!!!



PLEASE...
JUST...

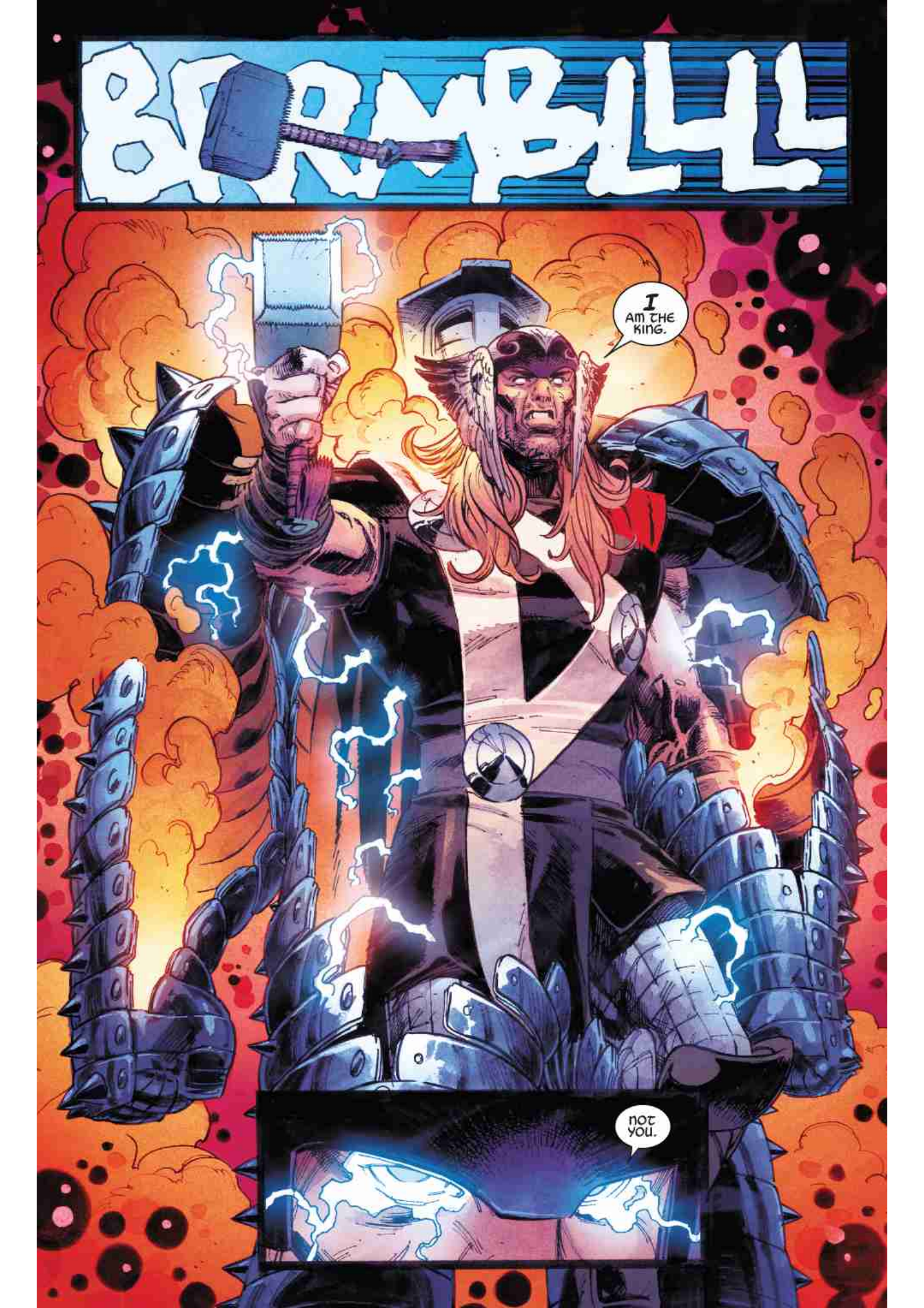
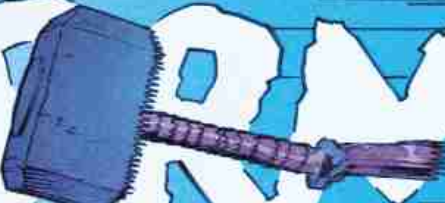
JUST MAKE ME
WHAT YOU
ALWAYS
WANTED ME
TO BE...



MAKE ME
NOTHING...



BRRMBLL



I
AM THE
KING.

not
you.

SON,
THIS...

THIS IS *my*
PROBLEM...

I...I
CAUSED THIS.
CREATED IT.
I--I HAVE TO
FIX THIS...



AYE.
THIS...

ALL OF
THIS...IS
OF YOUR
DOING.



AND
YOU HAVE
MY WORD,
FATHER...

YOU
AND I WILL
COME TO A
RECKONING.



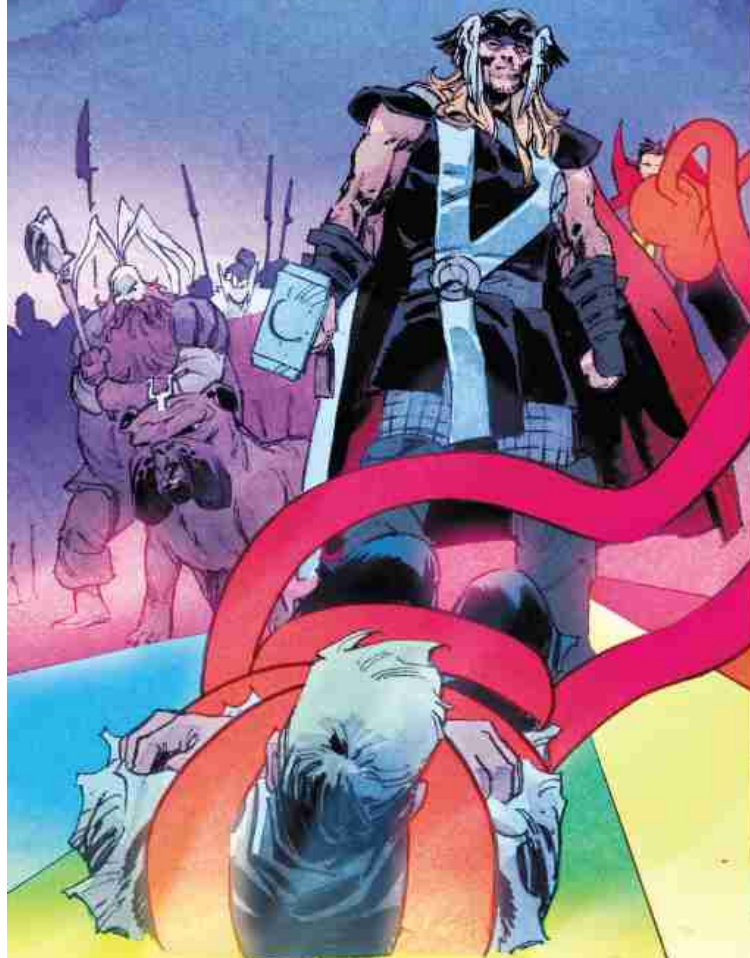
BUT NOT
TODAY.

SON,
I--



I TRUST
YOU KNOW
YOUR WAY
OUT.







THOR...I
DON'T THINK
THAT IS WISE,
HE HAS--
I WILL
NOT ASK
TWICE.



...
VERY
WELL...



WH-WHY
ARE YOU DOING
THIS?

WHAT
GAME IS THIS?
WHY WOULD
YOU SPARE
ME?!



BECAUSE
YOU ARE MY
BROTHER.



YOU WERE
MADE FROM MY
FATHER. WHATEVER
IT IS IN YOUR BLOOD
THAT MAKES YOU
WHAT YOU ARE
ALSO FLOWS
IN ME...



SO NO,
DONALD, I
WILL NOT
KILL YOU.



BUT THEN
AGAIN...









YOU
WANTED TO
BE REAL.
TO BE A
GOD.



AND
SO...
...YOU
SHALL HAVE
IT.



I RENOUNCE
MY TITLE.
IT
IS YOURS
NOW.



CONGRATULATIONS,
DONALD...



YOU NOW
SIT ON THE
THRONE OF
THE GOD
OF LIES.

AGHHH!!!



EVER
SHALL YOU
REIGN.



AGHHH!!!

THE END.

QUOTH THE RAVENS: THE HUGINN & MUNINN SHOW

WRITE TO US AT MHEROES@MARVEL.COM
AND MARK YOUR MISSIVES "OKAY TO PRINT."



Greetings, Midgard, we're back! Phew, my wings are tired. These tiresome days of squawking to the mortals has made my wings weak! Who thought it was a wise idea for us to fly with such a heavy amount of prayers from Midgard and then back to Asgard to answer the mortals in one day?

Huginn, we served our purpose! And you had plenty of time to stretch those wings before this trip! I even invited you along most days, but you always seemed to have your beak filled with some treats!

Hmph! They were good treats... Master Nic gave them to me. It would have been rude to let them sit long.

Yes, yes, I see you left none for me when the note explicitly said MY name as well. Alas, as always, I am—

Ah! I see a great prayer to start with! Let us begin!

Dear birds,

The tale being scribed by one Donny Cates is great. I didn't think it could get any better after Jason Aaron's run but it's as though Aaron threw Cates a fastball just so he could knock it out of the park! I am continually impressed with the pacing and weight of the story.

The reason for my letter, however, is the beautiful artwork by Nic Klein and Matt Wilson. Each issue I am completely transported to Asgard, forgetting all my silly Midgard problems. The colors in each issue are stunning and leap right from the page.

I have a question about issue #12 when we have our Odin reveal. Was it just me or did I see a little of actor Sam Elliot in Nic Klein's drawing? Something about the tilt of the head and his one good eye. Anyway, thank you all so much for this comic, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Larson
British Columbia, Canada

Yes, indeed, mortal! The work our Asgardian artists, Nic and Matt, must be such a sight for a mortal such as yourself! Why, Asgardian artists hail from all over! 'Tis a true honor to be part of! No art compares to that of Asgard. I am sure your quaint art on Midgard must be boring to look upon now.

Huginn! Do not be rude! Thank you, mortal! I'm sure your world's art is as lovely. We shall pass along your words to Donny, Nic and Matt! They have been

tirelessly at work, making sure the tales of Asgard and the All-Father reach the Ten Realms!

Haha, Muninn, you do not have to be so kind. Asgardian art and literature reign supreme—there is no comparison. The mortal sees that—he even brought up a past great scribe, Jason Aaron! Good eye, mortal!

By the gods!

Donny and team, y'all have done it again! At the beginning of this run I did not expect Thor, Herald of Thunder—and now in this arc, I NEVER did expect to witness Donald Blake not only return, but also become Donald, the Thor Butcher (you're welcome)! The twists and turns in this arc are astounding, and saying I'm excited is an understatement, like come on—Valkyrie vs. Donald? Lockjaw and Throg?! Cut it out, everyone! I already like y'all too much!

Noel Botardo
Newark, CA

Watch thy tongue, mortal, for the All-Father hasn't been butchered yet! You shall hope he does not hear you say that! Though I am glad to see you have some sense when it comes to Donny's tale! He does know how to keep a bird on the edge of his perch! However, if he really wanted to make it memorable, he would add more ravens. Specifically the one named Huginn!

Huginn, do you not remember our appearance when the All-Father beckoned us to the bottom of the World Tree? We only just got back!

Aye, I do! I'm just giving some constructive critiques! It was nice to stretch our wings and see the All-Father! It has been so long. I almost didn't recognize his call!

Huginn & Muninn,

Please pass this message to those who need it. I will say this once. Whatever evils befall Throg, I shall revisit tenfold upon the villain that inflicted such. There will be nowhere in all the realms that shall be safe. I have caught Donald Blake's trail—he shall pay. How much he pays is up to him. If you see him, warn him that whatever quarrel he has with Asgard or Midgard, Throg is off-limits. Lockjaw and Thori too.

Sincerely,
Kala Torres
Marietta, GA

Are you sure you are a mortal, Kala? I daresay you speak as mightily as the

Warriors. Three! Lady Sif would be proud to hear such honor and bravery spoken by someone from Midgard! This statement would have Frost Giants quivering!

Aye, Muninn! My own legs were shaking! I see you mention Throg, Lockjaw and such...yet no word of any birds you wish to protect. One named Huginn, perhaps.

Huginn...what could you have possibly done to warrant such devotion and admiration? Hmm? I do not see you fighting Donald! And, Kala, we leave Midgard in your capable hands! The All-Father will bear of your might!

Hmph! I do plenty, Muninn! A bird deserves recognition too!

Plenty of eating...I have not forgotten my missing treats.

Huginn & Muninn:

Motion to fast-track Throg vs. Don Blake in THOR #12 into the Greatest Fisticuffs in Marvel Comics History, thank you.

Jimmy Callaway
R.F.O., Q.N.S., K.O.F., P.M.M.
Los Angeles, CA

Aye, what a terrifying battle that was between Donald and Throg! It will go down in Asgardian history as such! We shall sing and drink to Throg and his heroism when this is over!

Here, here! Well said, Huginn! Not one Asgardian in millennia shall forget the name Throg!

Hello! I had never been much of a Thor person beyond reading things with Loki in it, so imagine my surprise when I read issue #1 and discovered just how much I love it. I think "Prey" is such an interesting arc that draws from Thor's past in a really cool way. I had just been wondering what exactly had happened to Donald Blake, and lo and behold, my question was answered! Keep up the great work and thank you for making me a Thor person.

Reagan Sicard
Ontario, Canada

A new follower of the All-Father! Welcome! Welcome!

To be such a devoted follower of that trickster Loki, though! Pfft! Disgraceful. At least you have seen the error of your ways, mortal!

Huginn, Loki has been working with the All-Father! No need to be so cruel!

What is the mortal saying? "Forgive but never forget"? I say that qualifies here. Do not attempt to change my mind, Muninn! I am a stubborn bird, after all.

Well, Reagan, keep on reading! There are many more adventures to tell of the All-Father! I'm sure we will make you a devotee of Thor for quite some time!

Hello Asgard,

It is I, Akhil of Midgard, and I just have to say I am loving this new THOR run. The way he takes on these universal and multiversal threats without fear and without trouble. It truly and accurately showcases the power and divinity of an archetypal god. Through these hard times, stories like this can really brighten up your day, and each time, Donny Cates never fails to impress me. From THANOS WINS to THOR (2020), each story keeps getting better and better.

More importantly, though, how are my favorite ravens doing?!? Huginn and Muninn! You guys are just so amazing, you know that? I really want to know about your stories and your adventures. You guys have flown across the infinite universe and explored the depths of time and space! How many quintillions, octillions and decillions of light-years have you guys traversed? Have you seen all of it? All of the infinite universe and perhaps...even beyond? Tell us a quick story and you know...maybe that'll be the push the guys at Marvel need to get you guys your own series. If not, FIGHT for it. You very much deserve it!

Yours truly,
AkhilPDX
Midgardian Subspace

Muninn! Look at this prayer! Finally, a mortal I have waited eons for! They truly see our worth, Muninn! And I had almost given up hope that the realms didn't see our hard work! Well, this bird stands corrected.

Oh dear, Huginn, do not get ahead of yourself. This isn't about you, rememb—

Yes, kind mortal! We have seen many! Why, we are the eyes and ears of the Ten Realms for the All-Father, of course! Nothing happens in the realms that we do not know about! We are the whispers in the All-Father's ears! We help keep the realms safe, and fly farther than any mere bird on Midgard.

Oh, here we go...

It is wonderful to know that a mortal would want to hear our stories! Why, Beta Ray Bill just received his own tome! Why

shan't we birds as well, Muninn? Be proud this day, Muninn, for Donny, Nic, Matt, Joe, the All-Father and even Loki have such devotions! 'Tis our turn to have a follower as well!

I hate to admit when I agree with you, Huginn. Though 'tis nice to hear. Why, just think of the number of tomes we could fill, and the honor to have them live in the Asgardian Library for all eternity! Maybe Donny Cates will want to write about us birds! An honor indeed!

I can see we have some scheming to attend to, Muninn. Well, that is all we can muster this week, mortals! Until next time!

Remember to keep sending your prayers to us! For though Donald is gone...there is always some deadly new adventure lurking around the corner...

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